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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor : Gaby Fasler et al.  
Applic. No. : 09/745,563  
Filed : December 21, 2000  
Title : Guide Apparatus for Guiding Sheets, and Method of Operating a Guide Apparatus  
Examiner : Frank E. Werner - Art Unit: 3652

R E S P O N S E

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 5, 2002, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the restriction requirement on pages 2 and 3 of the above-identified Office Action, applicants elect group I, claims 1-19, for prosecution at this time.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application including the method claims of group II at a later date and/or to request a rejoinder under MPEP §821.04.

In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits of claims 1-19 is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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